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construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.039300/TT3766.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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